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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Mitsuru SUZUKI, et al. :  
Application No.: Not yet assigned : Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
Filed: August 9, 2006 : Examiner: Not yet assigned  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING IMAGE CODING MODE (as  
amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An Appendix containing 75 pages each of Substitute Specification (containing no new matter) and Marked-up Specification is attached following page 8 of this paper.